

HYDRACHNA COCCINEA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Caput, thorax et abdomen unita.

Palpi duo articulati.

Oculi duo, quatuor, sex.

Pedes octo.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 2395.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

HYDRACHNA coccinea subglobosa, supra punctis distantibus impressis.

H. impressa? *Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel.* H. rubra distantia; punctis impressis, palpis brevibus.

Müll. hydr. n. 33. t. 9. f. 2?

A Domino Müllero institutum genus Hydrachna quasi vinculo quodam connectere videtur genera araneæ et acari. Raro crescunt hæc animalia in magnitudinem, nomine aranearum aquaticarum vulgo cognita. Minime rara hæc species æstivo tempore in aquis purioribus, omnium forte quæ in Britannia generantur notatu dignissima est. Depingitur aucta magnitudo, quæ, ut plurimum, quintam circiter uncia partem attingit.



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SCARLET HYDRACHNA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Head, thorax, and abdomen united.

Feelers two, jointed.

Eyes two, four, or six.

Legs eight.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Subglobose scarlet HYDRACHNA, marked above with distant impressed points.

Scarlet HYDRACHNA, or red water-spider.

The genus Hydrachna, instituted by Müller, seems to form as it were a link of connexion between the genera of Acarus and Aranea. These animals are commonly known by the name of water-spiders, and are seldom of any considerable size. The present species, which is shewn as it appears when magnified, is perhaps the most remarkable of the British species, and is not uncommon in clear stagnant waters in the summer months. It grows to the length of about the fifth part of an inch.